Bow and Spear Fishing

A hand-propelled spear may be used on the following waters. In addition, a bow, light, spring-propelled or rubber-propelled spear may be used as indicated. Size and possession limits are the same as for Coolwater Fish - General Regulations - Table 3 (p. 20-21); Inland non-trout waters are those inland waters except Designated Trout Lakes (*see FO-200) and Designated Trout Streams (list FO-210.01); For exceptions to these regulations, see Spearing Ban (Table 8, p. 26), Exceptions to General Regulations by County (p. 27-33), Sylvania Wilderness Area (p. 23), and Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Regulations (p. 18-19).

Season	Waters	Species
January-February	All waters (through the ice) except: Designated Trout Lakes(*see above), and Streams (FO-200), & Table 8 waters (p.26). No muskellunge spearing on L. St. Clair, L. Erie, Detroit R., & St.Clair R.	Northern Pike Muskellunge
	Lake St. Clair (bow may be used)	Yellow perch
January-February	(bow & light may be used) Inland non-trout waters (through the ice): See exceptions Table 8 (p. 26)	Bowfin Lake herring Bullheads (cisco) Carp Smelt Catfish Suckers Drum Whitefish Gar
All year See Note 1	(bow & light may be used) Great Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Marys R., St. Clair R., and Detroit R.	
All year	Great Lakes	Burbot
April 1 - May 31 South of Hwy. M-46		
April 15 - May 31 Between M-46 and M-72	(bow & light may be used) All non-trout streams Trout streams listed in FO-219	Bowfin Carp Gar Suckers
May 1 - 31 North of Hwy. M-72		
All Year	Waters listed in FO-219 as open to the use of rubber-propelled or spring-propelled spears when used as noted in FO-219 list.	
May 1 - August 15	(bow and light may be used) Inland non-trout waters	Bowfin Carp Gar
Oct. 15 - Dec. 31	(light may be used) Hubbard L . (Alcona Co.), Ottawa, Chicagon L . (Iron Co.)	Carp Lake herring (cisco) Suckers Whitefish
Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	(light may be used) Elk L., Torch L., Clam R. (Grand Traverse, Antrim, Kalkaska Cos.); Crystal L. (Benzie Co.) All inland non-trout waters in lower peninsula counties wholly south of M-20 (including all of Huron Sanilac, and Tuscola Cos.)	

Note 1: In Little Bay De Noc, bowfin, carp, and gar may be speared only in January and February. In Lakes Superior, Huron, and Michigan, whitefish may not be speared during November.